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PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels during month of December, 1904—Smallpox on steamship Loa—Plague in Lima and other localities.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, January 8, as follows:

During the month of December 7 vessels were granted bills of health after the usual inspection, disinfection of baggage, fumigation, etc. One hundred and four passengers were vaccinated. Surgeon Carter informs me that a second case of smallpox occurred on the steamship *Loa*. This case was also reported to me by Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver, he having made the diagnosis when the disease was in the pre-eruptive stage. The question of deck cargo threatened to assume serious proportions, but has been satisfactorily disposed of by the action of the quarantine authorities in Ancon.

Eleven new cases of plague occurred in the province of Lima during the month. Seven cases and 8 deaths in Eten, and 3 cases and 2 deaths in Lambayque are reported by the American consul. As we have no agency in Pacasmayo, I do not get very definite information from that place, but cases continue in the vicinity and in Guadalupe.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox—Cholera reported present in Island of Labuan, near coast of British Borneo—Leper asylum on Island of Culion nearly completed—Fumigation of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 23, as follows:

During the week ended December 17, 1904, the only quarantinable disease that was reported in the city of Manila was 1 case of smallpox.

PLAGUE.

The city of Manila was entirely free from plague from September 8, 1904, to December 3, 1904, a period of nearly three months. On the latter date a case was found in the person of a Chinaman who died two days later. The diagnosis was confirmed by necropsy. It was impossible to determine the source from which the disease was contracted, but since the victim had not been out of the city for more than a month previous to his death, the infection must have been contracted here.

A cablegram received from the consul general at Singapore reports 1 case of plague at that port.

CHOLERA.

It has been reported that cholera is present in the Island of Labuan, near the northern coast of British Borneo. A considerable number of vessels coal at the port of Labuan while en route to the Philippines, and since the distance from that port to the Philippines is only about 100 miles some uneasiness was felt with regard to the appearance of the disease at that place. All the Service officers in the Philippines were informed by wire of the above report. Acting Asst. Surg. W.